

The Imperfect (pg. 41-45)

1. The imperfect is the tense that describes an action in The past that is incomplete, continuous (ongoing), or repeated (happen over and over again)

a. Incomplete: the imperfect can be used as an 'incomplete' action with a 'completed' action

Ex. Horatia was shutting the door when her mother came in
imperfect incomplete perfect completed

b. Continuous: can be used to show an action that happens over a period of time.

Ex. The kids were playing outside the whole summer.

c. Repeated: can be used as an action that happens habitually in the past.

Ex. I used to ride The Metro to school every day.

2. The imperfect is formed by cutting the '-re' off the infinitive form. (2nd principal part).

3. The following endings are used for every conjugation.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st	-bam	-banus
2nd	-bas	-batis
3rd	-bat	-bant

• 1st Conjugation: amo, amare

<u>Person</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st	amabam - I was loving	amabamus - we were loving
2nd	amabas - you were loving	amabatis - y'all were loving
3rd	amabat - he was loving	amabant - They were loving

- 2nd Conjugation: teneo, tenere

<u>Person</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st	tenebam	tenebamur
2nd	tenebas	tenebatis
3rd	tenebat	tenebant

• 3rd Conjugation: rego, rege; re

<u>Person</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st	regebam	regebamus
2nd	regebas	regebatis
3rd	regebat	regebant

- 4th Conjugation: audio, audire

* The 4th Conjugation adds an -e- between the stem and the endings (between the i and the b).

Person	Singular	Plural
1st	audi <u>e</u> bam	audi <u>e</u> bamus
2nd	audi <u>e</u> bas	audi <u>e</u> batis
3rd	audi <u>e</u> bat	audi <u>e</u> bant

4. The imperfect can be translated into English as:

- I + was/were + verb + ing
- I + used to + verb